

The Home Going

OF

MOTHER CATHERINE JEFFRIES

MAY 17, 1909 — SEPT. 24, 1979



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1979

10:00 A.M.

Crouch State Temple

2300 South Central Avenue

Los Angeles, California

Obituary

"and let her own works praise her in the gates." — Proverbs 31:31

The beauty and joy of fulfillment to the union of Rafe and Candis Downing was the birth of their first borns, a set of beautiful twin girls. Catherine Downing Jeffries was born in Standard, La. on May 17, 1909, the second born, coming 15 minutes later than her sister, Geneva. She was a joy to the Downing family. A delightful, devoted child, even in youth, enjoyed being of service to others. She had her schooling in Standard, and she and her twin, Geneva took turns going to school, caring for their invalid mother and six brothers and sisters. Very talented and sincerely feeling a need for God in her life, at age 14, she joined Highmoney Baptist Church in Standard. In December of 1924, she heard the gospel plan of salvation preached by Bishop Morris under brush harbor, during revival services. She received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost.

She dedicated her life to Christ, working faithfully in the church, walking three miles to and from, seven nights a week.

She was married at age 19 and bore two children, a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Herman Baker Jr.

From Louisiana, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona and became a faithful member of the church there, pastored by Bishop W. J. Taylor Sr. In 1932, she moved to Los Angeles, Calif. and worshipped at Grace Memorial, pastored by Bishop E. M. Wilson, later joining Emmanuel Temple, pastored by Bishop S. M. Crouch, where she served faithfully as song leader, missionary and willing worker. She remained there until she met and married Eld. Joshua Jeffries in Sept. of 1941 and moved her membership to his church, Mt. Olives Church of God in Christ, pastored by Bishop E. B. Stewart.

Eld. Jeffries called of God, built and opened Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ in 1952 and there Sis. Jeffries served beautifully as First Lady, visiting the sick, encouraging the troubled, ministering to the needy, inspiring the unsure, counseling the unsaved and generally helping to propagate the ministry of Christ.

She was a warm and cheerful worker in every facet of the church. She served as business manager and treasurer of the Sunshine Crusaders Home, a group she dearly loved and also served as president of the Benevolent Committee of the State Ministers' Wives.

The family remains with many cherished memories: her beloved husband, Eld. Joshua Jeffries; one son, Herman Baker Jr.; and wife, Earleen; eight grandchildren, Christine, Berzelius, Jacqueline, Anthony, Herbert, Kenneth, Kathleen and Jerome; seven great-grandchildren; her twin sister, Geneva Smith of L.A., another sister, Jeanette Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz., two brothers, L. D. Downing of Phoenix, Arizona, and Randolph Downing of L.A.; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, many other relatives, the Pentecostal Temple Family; and many, many friends.

"We had hope to live to be one hundred
And she'd live one hundred and a day
So that we would never have to know
That she had passed away."

Done by order of the Family

Order of Service

Master of Ceremony — Elder Leroy Mardis

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION Pentecostal Temple Church Choir
"Because He Lives"

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

SELECTION Pentecostal Temple Church Choir
"I Have Decided To Make Jesus My Choice"

REMARKS

Elder Brewster

Elder Jonah Mills

Bishop William L. Smith

SELECTION Bethlehem Temple Church Choir
"Only What You Do For Christ Will Last"

REMARKS

State Representation

Mother L. O. Hale, State Supervisor

Mother Lillian Morris, Asst. Supervisor

Sis. Mary Alice Batts

District Missionary Sis. Monette Smith

Sis. Hattie Yarborough

ACKNOWLEDGMENT of Cards, Telegrams, Resolutions and Condolences

SOLO Elder Bennie Fields

OBITUARY Sis. Virdie Davis

EULOGY Bishop J. A. Blake

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

Active Pallbearers

GRANDSONS, NEPHEWS AND COUSINS	
BERZELIUS BAKER	ROBERT ETHERIDGE JR.
ANTHONY BAKER	HAMAN JOHNSON
HERBERT BAKER	LEFON ANDREWS
KENNETH BAKER	MALACHI ANDREWS
JEROME BAKER	MAYS ANDREWS

Honorary Pallbearers

MOTHERS' BOARD, PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE
STATE CONSOLATION BOARD
STATE MINISTERS' WIVES
SUNSHINE CRUSADEERS

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Los Angeles, California**

Thank You Note

Perhaps you sent a card,
Flowers or said comforting words.
Whatever your kindness
Your concerned sentiments were heard.
We thank you, with love, most sincerely,
May God reward you richly . . .

THE JEFFRIES FAMILY